

October 31, 2016

**Informational Meeting Notice:** Proposed 345 kV electric transmission line, Mitchell County, Iowa, Turtle Creek Wind Farm project substation to Pioneer Prairie II Wind Farm substation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Notice is hereby given that Turtle Creek Wind Farm LLC ("Turtle Creek," as Petitioner), with its principal place of business at 808 Travis St, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002, proposes to construct, operate and maintain up to approximately 15 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line that will connect a new project substation at Turtle Creek with the existing Pioneer Prairie Wind II Farm project substation. The new generator lead line will be located entirely within Mitchell County.

In general, the proposed transmission line will begin at a new project substation in southeast quarter section of Section 34 of Union Township, and will ultimately terminate at the Pioneer Prairie II Wind Farm substation at the southwest corner of section of Section 17 of Wayne Township., as shown on the attached map. Potential routes are depicted on the map; the ultimate route will fall within the notification area.

Turtle Creek will seek to acquire voluntary easements within the identified corridor of notified landowners for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line. The easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as not to interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. Petitioner will be requesting a Franchise from the Iowa Utilities Board authorizing construction of the transmission line. After the Utilities Board has reviewed the petition for Franchise it may conduct a public hearing and landowners have a right to participate in the hearing process. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Mitchell County Press which has countywide circulation.

Statement on Eminent Domain and Condemnation: While Utilities Board approval of such similar facilities can include the implementation of eminent domain and the acquisition of land by condemnation, **the Petitioner is not seeking the use of eminent domain, and will acquire the necessary easements through voluntary negotiation with involved landowners.** Additionally, at this time, Petitioner does not have the right of eminent domain and cannot use eminent domain without prior IUB approval. Required disclaimer – If eminent domain is requested by Petitioner, the request will be considered at the public hearing conducted by the Utilities Board and Petitioner must show the property is needed to serve a public use. If Petitioner requests the right of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent by return receipt mail to all affected landowners, in addition to the notice being published in the Mitchell County Press.

As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the aforementioned electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the place and time listed below. You also have the right to file, with the Iowa Utilities Board, at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described.

Representatives of the Iowa Utilities Board will preside at the Informational Meeting and will present a summary of the legal rights of the affected landowners. Qualified representatives of Turtle Creek will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281- 5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

Information Meeting to be held:  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:30 pm  
Mitchell County Conservation Center, 1879-3 IA-9 (Hwy 9), Osage, IA 50461

We look forward to seeing you at the Information Meeting.

With best regards,

Henry Woltag, Project Manager  
Turtle Creek Wind Farm LLC

Rorik F. Peterson, Associate Director of Development  
Turtle Creek Wind Farm LLC

